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Special Announcement

SAVE THE DATE. 2004 Public-Private Partnership Conference. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* will host its 6th Annual Public-Private Partnership conference at a new place and time this year. The all-day conference will be held at the new Washington Convention Center on December 13, 2004. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

Strengthening Partners Initiative (SPI) Application Process Re-opened. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* reopened the application process for the 2004-2005 SPI program. SPI is a training opportunity for emerging nonprofit and faith-based organizations. The one-year program is designed to help nonprofit professionals move their organizations to the next level of operations and service-delivery. Executive Directors (or equivalent positions) from organizations located and providing direct services in DC may apply if the following conditions are met: incorporated in DC; 501(c)(3) status from the IRS; annual budget under \$500,000; desire for professional and organizational growth; and strong commitment to complete the 12 month program and adhere to attendance requirements. The new deadline for applications is October 15, 2004, at 5:00pm. Applications may be e-mailed, faxed, or picked-up from OPGD, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20001. For additional information or to obtain the application, contact OPGD at (202) 727-8900.

Federal Opportunities

REMINDER. Building Health Professional Capacity to Address Children's Environmental Health. *The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)* announces funds to increase the number of health professionals who are able to address the broad spectrum of children's environmental health issues in their practices, in the institutions in which they work, in their communities, and in academic settings. Eligible applicants include academic institutions, nonprofit organizations, and state and local government entities. The deadline for required Letters of Intent is October 25, 2004. The deadline for applications is December 13, 2004. Approximately \$300,000 is available to fund 2-3 awards, ranging from \$100,000-\$150,000. For further information, contact Elizabeth Blackburn at (202) 564-2192 or blackburn.elizabeth@epa.gov; or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-20039.htm>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review", under E.O. 12372.

REMINDER. Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Women. *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)* announces funds to stimulate research aimed at reducing health disparities among racial/ethnic minority and underserved women. This initiative seeks not only research, but also intervention studies that show promise for improving the health profile of underserved women. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, businesses, institutions of higher learning, state and local governments, public housing authorities, and independent school districts. There

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are multiple deadline dates. For further information, contact Yvonne Bryan, PhD, RN at (301) 594-6908 or bryany@mail.nih.gov; or go to: <http://www.grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-153.html>.

District Opportunities

CLARIFICATION. FY 2005 Ryan White Title I Regional Grant. *The Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Health (DOH)/HIV/AIDS Administration (HAA), in conjunction with the Prince George's County Health Department, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and the Washington Metropolitan Regional Health Services Planning Council, announces funds to provide a variety of support services to indigent, uninsured and under-insured persons who are HIV-infected. For further information, go to: www.opgd.dc.gov, click on **District Grants Clearinghouse**; or contact the following:*

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64 New York Avenue, NE
5th Floor, Suite 5001
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 727-2500 – new number
(202) 671-4819
(202) 671-4860 – fax
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www.opgd.dc.gov, click on **District Grants Clearinghouse***

*Suburban Virginia/Northern Virginia
Regional Commission
7535 Little River Turnpike
Suite 100
Annandale, VA 22003
(703) 642-0700
www.novaregion.org*

*Suburban Maryland
Prince Georges County
Health Department
Ryan White Program
1701 McCormick Drive
Suite 210
Largo, MD 20774
(301) 883-7848
www.co.pg.md.us*

Questions & Answers from Pre-Application Conference. Home Visits to TANF Sanctioned Customers. *The Department of Human Services (DHS) recently posted the questions and answers from its September 10th Pre-Application Conference for this grant. The Q&As are now available and accessible on the Office of Partnerships and Grants Development's website – www.opgd.dc.gov, click on District Grants Clearinghouse.*

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, click on District Grants Clearinghouse.*

Serve DC, K-12 Learn and Serve America School-Based Grants - Safe Schools, Safe Students Initiative, October 11, 2004, at 5:00pm.

The Department of Human Services (DHS), Home Visits to TANF Sanctioned Customers, October 15, 2004, at 4:00pm.

The Department of Employment Services (DOES)/DC Workforce Investment Council (WIC), Job Readiness, October 20, 2004.

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCA), Young Artists, October 25, 2004.

The District of Columbia Department of Human Services (DHS)/Office of Early Childhood Development (OECD), Child Development Center Operation, November 1, 2004, at 2:00pm.

The Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Health (DOH)/HIV/AIDS Administration (HAA), in conjunction with the Prince George's County Health Department, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and the Washington Metropolitan Regional Health Services Planning Council, FY 2005 Ryan White Title I Regional Grant, November 15, 2004.

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)/Office of Federal Grants Programs (OFGP)/State Education Agency (SEA), FY 2005 Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration (CSRSD) Program, December 2, 2004, at 4:00pm.

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The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCA), Small Projects Program (SPP), December 2, 2004, March 3, 2005, and June 2, 2005.

The Office of the Secretary (OS), Escheated Estates, December 30, 2004.

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Foundation Opportunities

Community Health. *Johnson & Johnson Community Health Care Program, in partnership with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the National Council of La Raza, announces funding to support organizations whose primary goal is to improve access to quality health care for the medically underserved. Priority consideration is given to those organizations seeking support for projects that measurably improve care for the medically underserved - with emphasis on projects affecting women and children, including infants and adolescents. Eligible applicants include nonprofit, community-based, and health care organizations within the city limits of Washington, DC, as well as Alabama, Florida, New Jersey, Ohio, and Los Angeles, CA. The deadline for applications is November 1, 2004, at 5:00pm. A total of six two-year grants of \$150,000 each will be made. For further information, go to:*
<http://www.jhsph.edu/johnsonandjohnson>.

Peace and Social Justice. *The Peace Development Fund (PDF) works to strengthen a broad-based social justice movement that embodies, embraces, and honors many cultures to create the new systems and institutions essential to building a peaceful, just, and equitable world. PDF is requesting proposals for a one-time initiative to support grassroots organizations working around four themes in the peace and social justice movements: erosion of civil liberties, immigrant detention, the U.S.'s role in the global community, and the human and economic cost of war. The deadline for applications is November 12, 2004. Grants from \$1,000-10,000 are available. For further information, go to:*
<http://www.peacedevelopmentfund.org/grant/-grntrn.htm>.

Education, Culture, and Social Issues. *Cingular supports educational, cultural, and social issues affecting the quality of life in the communities where its employees work and live. Emphasis is given to programs that inspire creativity in youth and adults and that stimulate collaborative partnerships among various organizations. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There are no deadlines for applications. For further information, go to:*
http://www.cingular.com/about/community_involvement.

Women of Color Public Policy Program. *The Ms. Foundation seeks proposals for its Public Voices, Public Policy: Realizing the Power of Women of Color Initiative, a program designed to address issues of access and power within the women's movement and within public policy advocacy. Eligible applicants include independent, women of color-led organizations. Start-up organizations that have no track record or experience in advocating for policy change for their communities will be given priority. The deadline for Letters of Intent (LOI) is October 18, 2004. Approximately 4-8 one-year general operating grants of \$35,000-\$75,000 each are available. In addition to general support grants, the program will provide peer-to-peer networking and training opportunities for grantees. For further information, go to:*
<http://www.ms.foundation.org/wmspage.cfm?parm1=5>.

Resources & Announcements

Citywide Calendar. *The Government of the District of Columbia's Citywide Calendar is an online tool that lists some of the local events likely to be of interest to DC residents, businesses, and visitors. Events include those sponsored by the Government of the District of Columbia, as well as local organizations. For further information on how to view or post events, go to:*
<http://app.calendar.rcc.dc.gov/dayView.aspx>.

Grantmakers and Donors Are Looking for You. *Guidestar, the national database of nonprofit information, is used by many donors and grantmakers to research nonprofit organizations before they give money to them. Let these funders know more about your good work by adding information to your basic IRS listing through the GuideStar Information Form*

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(GIF). This free on-line form allows you to add/update your nonprofit's information on the Guidestar website. For further information, go to: <http://www.guidestar.org/npo/index.jsp>.

Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC).

The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD) provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.

Provide Input on Nonprofit Accountability and Reform.

The Senate Finance Committee sent a letter to Independent Sector (IS), a coalition of 600 member organizations and foundations, asking IS to convene a national panel of nonprofit representatives to recommend legislative options to increase nonprofit accountability. The September 22 letter follows Finance Committee hearings on nonprofit practices held in July that examined allegations of excessive compensation, tax shelters, and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) noncompliance. Committee staff released draft proposals for reform during the summer, and nonprofit groups provided input and responses. Based on the hearings and the comments, the Finance Committee is now considering various types of reforms. The Finance Committee has been concerned with this issue after scandals surfaced last year involving a small number of large nonprofits. Increased oversight and enforcement, if not carefully crafted, could lead to unnecessary administrative burdens for small nonprofits. Seventy percent of charities have annual budgets under \$500,000, and tougher regulations and enforcement could be overly burdensome to them. Nonprofits of all types are urged to give input to the committee, because any new regulations will affect the entire sector. For further information and to provide input, go to: <http://www.ombwatch.org/article/articleview/2441/1/291/>.

Training Scholarships. *The Foundation Center (FC)* is an eTraining Partner with the Verizon Foundation. This means that you can now apply to the Verizon Foundation for a scholarship to attend any of FC's nine full-day courses on proposal writing, proposal budgeting, nonprofit boards and fundraising, researching and evaluating funding prospects, and more. Please note that registration for FC courses is a separate process from applying for a Verizon Foundation scholarship. For further information on courses, dates, and locations, go to: http://fdncenter.org/marketplace/catalog/subcategory_training_city.jhtml?id=cat170002. Click on the Scholarship Information link for scholarship details.

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